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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2005**

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In response to the Office action dated September 27, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.